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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/15/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/15/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/15/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/15/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/15/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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